Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 5/11/76

As you are aware, the Attorney General (AG) has instructed the Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) of the Department to conduct a review of our past investigations relating to Martin Luther King, Jr. A Task Force from this Office began its review on 5/10/76 under direction of Fred G. Folsom.

The attached letter from Michael E. Shaheen, Counsel of the OPR, defines the areas of concern in the review which will include perusal of all King-related records in the Department, at FBIHQ and in Bureau field offices. The review must be completed "forthwith" and is to answer the following four questions: (1) Was the FBI's investigation of King's assassination thorough and honest? (2) Is there any evidence the FBI was involved in the assassination? (3) Is there any new evidence which has come to the attention of the Department concerning the assassination? (4) Does the relationship between the Bureau and King call for criminal prosecutions, disciplinary proceedings or other appropriate action?

Attached to the Shaheen letter is a letter from the AG describing the previous review of the King matter by the Civil Rights Division and the basis

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which the AG decided to order a more complete review. Also attached is the Department's press release dated 4/29/76, announcing the OPR review.

You will be advised of all significant developments regarding the review.

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